

charitable organizations is recorded; and providing for the application of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 7-104 and 7-202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Tax - Property

7-104.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and in [§ 7-215] §§ 7-202 AND 7-215 of this title, property tax on wholly exempt property shall be abated for the taxable year that follows the date on which the property became exempt.

(b) If an owner of property subject to an exemption on June 30 files an application for abatement on or before the following September 1 with the Department or the supervisor, the tax is abated for the taxable year.

(c) If property that is exempt from property tax is transferred to a person whose use of the property qualifies the property for an exemption from the date of transfer, then the property tax shall be abated from that date.

7-202.

(a) In this section:

(1) "fraternal organization" means any organization that:

(i) is conducted solely for the benefit of its members and its beneficiaries;

(ii) is operated on a lodge system with a ritualistic activity; and

(iii) has a representative form of government;

(2) "fraternal organization" includes a sororal organization; and

(3) "fraternal organization" does not include:

(i) any college or high school fraternity or sorority; or

(ii) any other fraternal or sororal organization the membership of which is restricted wholly or largely to students or graduates of an educational institution or a professional school.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, property is not subject to property tax if the property: